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Front Door Agency celebrates 25 years of leadership with CEO, Maryse Wirbal

Steadfast on the Agency's mission to end homelessness, thousands of local families have been helped during her quarter century tenure

NASHUA, NH, (June 7, 2023) – The Front Door Agency proudly recognizes the 25th anniversary of its CEO, Maryse Wirbal. Wirbal first joined the Agency in 1998 when it was known as the Nashua Pastoral Care Center at which time had an operating budget of \$485k, 4 employees and one affordable housing property. During her tenure, she led fund raising efforts to develop 6 additional affordable housing projects, and now provides nearly 70 units of housing for families in need. She helped grow the Housing Stability Program serving over 200 families annually with rental, utility and security deposit assistance. She led the creation of endowment and scholarship funds that now cumulatively have over \$2M in value. She has led several strategic business and growth plans into fruition. Today, with her vision and dedication, The Agency thrives at 36 years, has grown to 18 employees with an operating budget of \$2.6M.

“Maryse works tirelessly to assure our programs and services are meeting the needs of the community,” said Front Door Agency Board President and Senior Vice President at Lowell Five, Chris Wilcox, and “She is an unwavering advocate for ending homelessness in Greater Nashua.”

Wirbal's headship and commitment extend beyond The Front Door Agency and into to the community. She is a long-standing member of the Rotary Club of Nashua where she served on the board and as club President and is a three-time Paul Harris Fellow. She is a Trustee for Hunt Community, currently serving as its Immediate Past President; a Trustee for SilverStone Living; a member of the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; an Executive Committee member for the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care; and is an Advisory Member of the Santander Bank Regional Community Board. Maryse proudly served on the Greater Nashua Dental Connection Board of Directors, serving as its President and one of its original founders in 2003; numerous United Way Community Needs Assessment Committees; the Telegraph's Extraordinary Women's Selection Committee; the Executive Committee of the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce; the Steering Committee for Leadership Greater Nashua; Mayors Task Force on Affordable Housing; and the Advisory Board for Infant Jesus School. Maryse was recognized by The Telegraph as one of 20 emerging business leaders in Nashua community in 2012; and received the Walter Dunfey Excellence in Management Award in 2011.

She is a graduate of the 2005 Leadership New Hampshire Class; and a graduate of the 1998 Leadership Greater Nashua Class. A Nashua native, Maryse graduated from Nashua High School and Southern NH University. She was recently inducted into the Nashua High School Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 1987 Women's Basketball Team.

“It is with great pride and humility to be here today celebrating 25 years of service to this amazing organization. With the Agency's assistance, thousands of families in Greater Nashua have stabilized and flourished into sustainable independence. Seeing families who were once homeless thrive is truly rewarding. I could not have made this journey alone and am so grateful to the many extraordinary people who have helped me along the way. I don't see myself stopping anytime soon as the sad reality is that the need is greater than ever. Creating a solid path to self-sufficiency for all families in Greater Nashua who



are experiencing homelessness is the way forward for our continued success. The Agency is fortunate to have a team of dedicated employees, talented Board members, generous Partners and countless volunteers who are the backbone of our past, present and future successes. Our work here has only just begun,” states Wirbal.

For more information about the Front Door Agency, or to apply for assistance, visit www.frontdooragency.org.

About the Front Door Agency

Last year, the Front Door Agency assisted more than 935 people in Greater Nashua through its core programs including Transformational Housing for single mothers, Financial Literacy, a Holiday Program, and a Housing Stability Program offering assistance with rent, utilities, and permanent affordable housing. To learn more, visit www.frontdooragency.org.

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